

JENESYS2017 In-bound Program 14th Batch Report

Country: Cambodia

Theme: (Culture) Exchange in Japanese Culture

1. Program Overview

25 participants from Cambodia visited Japan from January 16 to January 23, 2018 as part of “JENESYS 2017” under the scheme of “Japan's Friendship Ties Program” and participated in the program with the theme of “Youth Exchange in Industry”.

The group attended a lecture on the Emperor system and politics in Tokyo and learned about Japan to date. They further deepened their knowledge related to Japan through Japanese traditional cultural experiences in Miyagi Prefecture. In addition, in the school exchange, they learned about Japanese university life and other matters through opinion exchanges with students of the same generation and foreign students. During the homestay, they exchanged with local people through experiencing the Japanese lifestyle and local unique culture.

Through the exchange with Japanese people, they also gained a broad understanding of Japan, and shared their interests and experiences by social media. Based on those findings in Japan, participants made a group presentation in the final session and reported their action plans, which are to be implemented after returning home.

【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】

Cambodia 25 participants

【Prefectures Visited】

Tokyo, Miyagi

2. Program Schedule

January 16 (Tue)	Arrival 【Orientation】
January 17 (Wed)	【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Asakusa, Nakamise 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Mirai-kan)
January 18 (Thu)	Move to Miyagi 【Lecture on the Region】 Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association 【Cultural Experience】 Making Tanabata(star festival) Ornament

January 19 (Fri) **【School Exchange】** Miyagi University of Education
【Cultural Experience】 Japanese drums experience
【Meeting with Host Family】







January 20 (Sat) **【Homestay】**

January 21 (Sun) **【Exchange Meeting with Local People】**
【Workshop】

January 22 (Mon) Move to Tokyo
【Reporting Session】

January 23 (Tue) Departure

3. Program Photos

	
<p>1/17 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)</p>	<p>1/18 【Lecture on the Region】 Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association</p>
	
<p>1/18 【Cultural Experience】 Making Tanabata(star festival) Ornament</p>	<p>1/19 【School Exchange】 Miyagi University of Education</p>
	
<p>1/19 【Cultural Experience】 Japanese drums</p>	<p>1/20 【Homestay】</p>

	
<p>1/21 【Exchange Meeting with Local People】</p>	<p>1/22 【Reporting Session】</p>

4. Voice from Participants

◆ Cambodia, Student

When I arrived in Japan, the first thing I realized was the difference in climate from Cambodia. I was surprised as it was too cold and vapor-like smoke came out from my mouth when I spoke. Japanese observe the traffic rules and the flow of traffic was very smooth. In addition, I felt that Japanese are kind. When I asked a stranger the way, the person showed me the way kindly. Although the appearance of Japanese food is the same as that of other food, I thought that the seasoning with salt is good and it is very healthy food. Japan has different characteristics depending on the region, and cities were very beautiful. As the environment was well developed, I thought that a healthy life is possible and that I want to live in Japan.

◆ Cambodia, Student

Upon my arrival in Japan, I was impressed as soon as I saw the view. I felt like that I was in a dream. Although it was cold, with high-rise buildings lined up in cities, there was neither trash nor traffic congestion on the streets, and the air was clean. I thought that cities were beautiful, as transportation networks were well developed and there were roadside trees on the streets. By viewing the scenery, I came to think that I really want to live in Japan. I learned about Japanese history, politics, and society in the key note lecture. In Miyagi Prefecture, I could better understand the life there through opinion exchanges with foreign residents. During the homestay, I was impressed, as they took good care of me as their own child. I could make many good memories that I will never forget for all my life.

◆ Cambodia, Student

In the key note lecture, I could learn about Japanese history, politics, and society that I did not know before. In Sendai, I learned about Sendai Tanabata, which is different from other regions, and made Tanabata ornaments. In the exchange with the Miyagi University of Education, I could better understand Japanese university life through opinion exchanges with Japanese and foreign students. As the homestay was my first experience to live with foreigners, it gave me a very strange feeling. Regardless of the language barrier, we could communicate by taking time with each other. It was very enjoyable, and I could have an irreplaceable experience.

5. Voice from Japanese Students/Schools/Host Families/Organizations

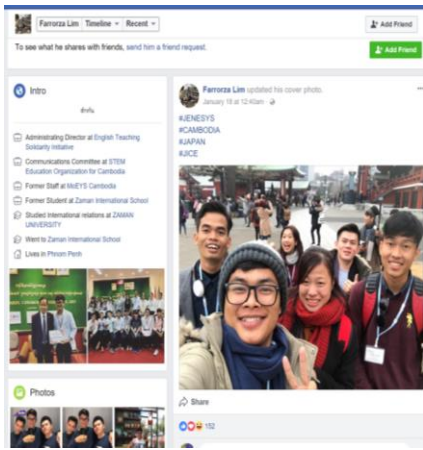

◆ Host family

I thought it was good that they could experience Japanese culture (Japanese drums, tea, and dressing). They enjoyed playing in the snow (sledding) in good cheer like children. In addition, they cooked delicious dishes that we enjoyed.

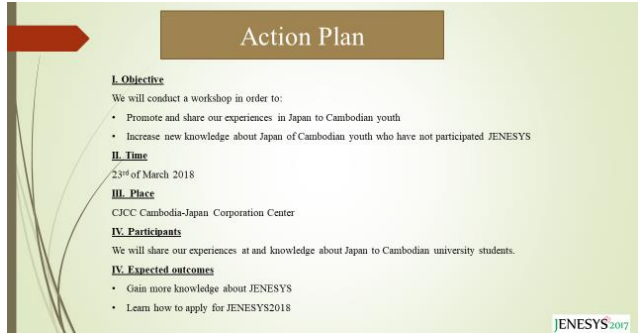
◆ Host family

It was very good as there was a student who speaks Japanese a little, as well as students who are very interested in Japanese culture such as Kendo (Japanese fencing), calligraphy, and local food of this area.

6. Dissemination by the participants

	
<p>About Asakusa (Facebook) We visited Asakusa.</p>	<p>About Miraikan (Facebook) I was so impressed with Japan's cutting edge technology. I want to share this to you all.</p>

7. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session


<p>Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and share our experience in Japan to Cambodian youth. • Introduce new knowledge about Japan to Cambodian youth who have not participated JENESYS.